

QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY.

(but not taken up.)

Munsiff-Magistrate's Court for Arsikere.

Q.—443. Sri K. PANCHAKSHARIAH (Arsikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when the Report of Justice Mallappa Committee was submitted to them with regard to the reorganisation of courts in the State;

(b) the steps taken by them in respect of the said Report;

(c) whether they have considered the sanction of a Munsiff-Magistrate's Court to Arsikere?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) 31st January 1955.

(b) and (c) The views of the High Court of Mysore on the recommendations of the Committee have been called for. On a review of the jurisdiction of Courts in Hassan District, the High Court of Mysore have stated that apart from making the Court of the Additional First Class Magistrate, Hassan, permanent with jurisdiction over the Taluks of Belur and Saklespur and designating it as Second Magistrate's Court, Hassan, there does not appear to be any necessity at present to make any other change in the jurisdiction of Courts in Hassan District.

Unparliamentary expressions during question hours.

Mr. SPEAKER.—During question hour yesterday the Hon'ble Member Sri N. C. Nagaiah Reddy in putting a supplementary desired to know whether recommendation for a particular job was confined to a 'henchman' of the Government. He also used certain other words which were highly unparliamentary. Objection was taken to the use of this word 'henchman' as

well as to the use of the other unparliamentary words, which I directed yesterday should be expunged from the proceedings. So far as the word 'henchman' is concerned, I am now of the view that in the context in which it was used yesterday, it carries an insinuation and that therefore it is unparliamentary.

I want to take this opportunity to invite the attention of Hon'ble Members to the provisions of rule 26 which relate to the admissibility of questions. The same provisions apply to supplementaries also. By putting supplementaries which carry an insinuation or imputation or is otherwise inadmissible under the rules, the member loses his valuable right of getting information from the Government on points for which he wants elucidation. In other words, by putting an improper and inadmissible supplementary the loss is purely that of the Hon'ble Member.

A question is strictly intended to elicit information and a supplementary is intended to further elucidate any matter of fact regarding which an answer has been given. If Hon'ble Members will confine themselves to putting questions which genuinely seek information on matters of fact, not only would the number of supplementaries be considerably reduced but much heat would not be generated during question hour. A question which contains insinuations or arguments or ironical expressions or defamatory statements is clearly inadmissible and members cannot be expected to receive an answer for such questions. If the attention of the Chair is drawn to the fact that a supplementary infringes the rules, the Chair is always prepared to rule out that supplementary as not in order and that it need not be answered. I expect that Hon'ble Ministers will follow the procedure I have indicated and when they think that a supplementary carries an insinuation or an imputation or is inadmissible, the Minister will draw the attention of the Chair and wait for a ruling from the Chair as to whether the supplementary is inadmissible or has to be answered.

It is no doubt a temptation to utilise the answers given to raise an argument during question hour about the merits of any matter. But, according to Parliamentary procedure, question hour is strictly limited to the ascertainment of facts which can be utilised during other occasions to make a point or advance a particular argument. I am sure that if all the Hon'ble Members co-operate and preserve the letter and spirit of the rules, the number of supplementaries would be considerably reduced and a larger number of questions could be disposed of during question hour and there would be no need to raise points of order or ask for rulings.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—Sir, I beg to re-lay on the Table of the House the Mysore Agricultural Income-tax Rules, 1955. According to section 58 (3) of the Mysore Agricultural Income-tax Act, 1955, the rules made under the Act will have to be placed on the Table of the Legislative Assembly for a period of 15 days. During the last Session the rules could be laid on the Table for only three days and hence the rules are being re-laid now.

DEBATE ON THE MOTION OF THANKS

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now the debate on the Motion of Thanks will be continued. Before that, I would like to state that some Hon'ble Members have sent in amendments. I would request them to move the amendments first and then the debate both on the amendments and the original Motion will take place. Sri Imam.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, I beg to move the following amendment:—

“Add the following at the end of the Motion of Thanks:—

‘But regret that your Highness's Ministers being preoccupied with extensive tours, ceremonial

functions and partisan matters have failed to devote sufficient attention to their normal and legitimate duties, created fresh problems by their unwise policy and failed to guarantee a reasonable standard of living to the common man as contemplated by the ideal of Socialistic Pattern of Society’.”

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Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY (Bagepalli-Gudibanda).—Sir, I beg to move:—

“Add the following at the end of the Motion of Thanks:—

‘but regret to find that no mention has been made as to—

1. the steps taken by Your Highness's Government to restore the minor and major tanks in the State generally and in Kolar District particularly; and

2. the steps taken by your Highness's Government to make power supply available for lift irrigation purposes in the distressed areas in the State, particularly Kolar District’.”

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